

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Monday, November 15, 1999

The House met at 2 p.m.

The Reverend Father Paul Lavin, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

In the words of the prophet Isaiah we hear:

If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech; if you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday; then the Lord will guide you always and give you plenty even on the parched land.

Let us pray:

Lord, we stand before You conscious of our sinfulness. Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts. Give us light and strength to know Your will, to make it our own, and to live it in our lives. You desire justice for all: enable us to uphold the rights of others. May all of our decisions be pleasing to You. And may the gifts of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit unite us in faith, hope and love, now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PEASE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PEASE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1916. An act to extend certain expiring Federal Aviation Administration authorizations for a 6-month period, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2454. An act to assure the long-term conservation of mid-continent light geese and the biological diversity of the ecosystem upon which many North American migratory birds depend, by directing the Secretary of the Interior to implement rules to reduce the overabundant population of mid-continent light geese.

H.R. 2724. An act to make technical corrections to the Water Resources Development Act of 1999.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. PEASE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, November 16, 1999, for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee did on the following dates present to the President, for his approval, a bill and joint resolutions of the House of the following titles:

On November 9, 1999:

H.R. 3122. To permit the enrollment in the House of Representatives Child Care Center of children of Federal employees who are not employees of the legislative branch.

H.J. Res. 54. Granting the consent of Congress to the Missouri-Nebraska Boundary Compact.

On November 10, 1999:

H.J. Res. 78. Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

□ 2246

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DREIER) at 10 o'clock and 46 minutes p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 47 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, November 16, 1999, at 10:30 a.m., for morning hour debates.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for official foreign travel during the first, second, and third quarters of 1999 by Committees of the U.S. House of Representatives are as follows:

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1, AND MAR. 31, 1999

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Dave Whaley	2/14	2/24	Italy		2,921.62		707.47				3,629.09
Hon. Don Young ³	2/20	2/21	Marshall Islands				N/A				
Hon. John Doolittle	2/20	2/21	Marshall Islands				N/A				
Hon. Ken Calvert	2/20	2/21	Marshall Islands				N/A				
Hon. Eni Faleomavaega	2/20	2/21	Marshall Islands				N/A				
Hon. Robert Underwood	2/20	2/21	Marshall Islands				N/A				
Hon. Donna Christensen	2/20	2/21	Marshall Islands				N/A				
Lloyd Jones	2/20	2/21	Marshall Islands				N/A				
Elizabeth Megginson	2/20	2/21	Marshall Islands				N/A				
Christine Kennedy	2/20	2/21	Marshall Islands				N/A				
William Sharrow	2/20	2/21	Marshall Islands				N/A				
Marie Fabrizio	2/20	2/21	Marshall Islands				N/A				
Manase Mansur	2/20	2/21	Marshall Islands				N/A				
Richard Healy	2/20	2/21	Marshall Islands				N/A				
Curtis Thayer	2/20	2/21	Marshall Islands				N/A				
Committee total					2,921.62		707.47				3,629.09

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.³ Incomplete. Information on per diem not provided by Department of State.

DON YOUNG, Chairman, Oct. 12, 1999.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 1, AND JUNE 30, 1999

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. George Miller ³	4/1	4/3	Thailand								
	4/3	4/10	Vietnam				4,148.40				4,148.40
John Lawrence ³	4/1	4/3	Thailand								
	4/3	4/10	Vietnam				4,148.40				4,148.40
Committee total							8,296.80				8,296.80

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.³ Incomplete. Information on per diem not provided by the Department of State.

DON YOUNG, Chairman, Oct. 12, 1999.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1, AND SEPT. 30, 1999

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. John Boehner	7/5	7/7	Italy		591.78		(³)				591.78
	7/7	7/10	Croatia		1,002.00		(³)				1,002.00
	7/8	7/8	Macedonia/Kosovo								
	7/10	7/11	United Kingdom		383.00		(³)				383.00
	8/7	8/11	Austria		846.00		(³)				846.00
	8/11	8/14	Czech Republic		1,079.00		(³)				1,079.00
	8/14	8/17	France		971.00		(³)				971.00
Hon. Collin Peterson	8/28	8/30	Slovakia		589.50		(³)	112.00			701.50
	8/31	9/2	Romania		548.00		(³)	127.00			675.00
	9/2	9/4	Bulgaria		593.00		(³)	132.00			725.00
	9/4	9/6	Hungary		603.00		(³)	142.00			745.00
	9/6	9/7	Netherlands		207.00		(³)	62.00			269.00
Committee total					7,413.28		(³)	575.00			7,988.28

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.³ Military air transportation.

LARRY COMBEST, Chairman, Oct. 27, 1999.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JUNE 30, AND SEPT. 30, 1999

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
G.T. Coughlin	9/12	9/14	Aruba		486.75		1,560.40		54.84		2,101.99
J.R. Fogarty	6/30	7/07	Italy		1,463.50		3,801.50		143.93		5,408.93
M.O. Glynn	7/17	7/23	Italy		1,088.50		5,171.23		139.84		6,399.57
D.B. Grimes	7/17	7/23	Italy		1,042.00		5,171.23		24.80		6,238.03
C.L. Hauer	8/21	8/25	Japan		731.50		6,015.28		23.34		6,770.12
T.E. Hobbs	6/30	7/07	Italy		1,463.50		3,801.50		99.99		5,364.99
N.L. Holmes	7/17	7/21	Italy		1,042.00		5,171.23		63.04		6,276.27
R. Makay	9/12	9/14	Aruba		486.75		1,560.40		106.61		2,153.76
M.R. Owens	8/21	8/25	Japan		731.50		6,015.28		57.30		6,804.08
R.H. Pearre	8/21	8/25	Japan		731.50		5,918.50		56.06		6,706.06
R.J. Reitwiesner	6/30	7/7	Italy		1,463.50		3,801.50		111.27		5,376.27
R.W. Vandergrift, Jr.	7/5	7/7	Italy		438.50		2,701.23		100.00		3,239.73
	7/7	7/10	Croatia		923.00						923.00
	8/21	8/25	Japan		731.50		6,028.00		69.82		6,829.32
Committee total					12,824.00		56,717.28		1,050.84		70,592.12

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

BILL YOUNG, Chairman.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 1999

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Ron Packard	7/4	7/10	Russia		1,950.00						1,950.00
Commercial Air							2,667.00				2,667.00
Hon. Rodney P. Frelinghuysen	7/4	7/10	Russia		1,950.00						1,950.00
Commercial Air							2,667.00				2,667.00
James D. Ogsbury	7/4	7/10	Russia		1,950.00						1,950.00
Commercial Air							2,667.00				2,667.00
Jeanne L. Wilson	7/4	7/10	Russia		1,950.00						1,950.00
Commercial Air							2,667.00				2,667.00
Sally A. Chadbourne	7/4	7/10	Russia		1,950.00						1,950.00
Commercial Air							2,667.00				2,667.00
Hon. Ernest J. Istook, Jr.	7/4	7/10	Russia		1,950.00						1,950.00
Commercial Air							2,667.00				2,667.00
Hon. David L. Hobson	7/5	7/7	Italy		591.78						591.78
	7/7	7/10	Croatia		1,002.00						1,002.00
	7/8	7/8	Macedonia/Kosovo								
	7/10	7/11	United Kingdom		383.00						383.00
							(³)				
Hon. John Olver	7/5	7/7	Italy		477.50						477.50
	7/7	7/10	Croatia		1,002.00						1,002.00
	7/8	7/8	Macedonia/Kosovo								
	7/10	7/11	United Kingdom		383.00						383.00
							(³)				
Hon. Dan Miller	7/5	7/7	Italy		591.78						591.78
	7/7	7/10	Croatia		1,002.00						1,002.00
	7/8	7/8	Macedonia/Kosovo								
	7/10	7/11	United Kingdom		383.00						383.00
							(³)				
Hon. Todd Tiahrt	7/5	7/7	Italy		591.78						591.78
	7/7	7/10	Croatia		1,002.00						1,002.00
	7/8	7/8	Macedonia/Kosovo								
	7/10	7/11	United Kingdom		383.00						383.00
							(³)				
Hon. Bud Cramer	7/5	7/7	Italy		591.78						591.78
	7/7	7/10	Croatia		1,002.00						1,002.00
	7/8	7/8	Macedonia/Kosovo								
	7/10	7/11	United Kingdom		383.00						383.00
							(³)				
Hon. Kay Granger	7/5	7/7	Italy		477.50						477.50
	7/7	7/10	Croatia		1,002.00						1,002.00
	7/8	7/8	Macedonia/Kosovo								
	7/10	7/11	United Kingdom		383.00						383.00
							(³)				
Elizabeth C. Dawson	7/5	7/7	Italy		700.50						700.50
	7/7	7/10	Croatia		1,002.00						1,002.00
	7/8	7/8	Macedonia/Kosovo								
	7/10	7/11	United Kingdom		383.00						383.00
							(³)				
John T. Blazey III	7/4	7/7	Italy		700.50						700.50
	7/7	7/10	Croatia		1,002.00						1,002.00
	7/8	7/8	Macedonia/Kosovo								
	7/10	7/11	United Kingdom		383.00						383.00
							(³)				
Thomas Forhan	7/5	7/7	Italy		477.50						477.50
	7/7	7/10	Croatia		1,002.00						1,002.00
	7/8	7/8	Macedonia/Kosovo								
	7/10	7/11	United Kingdom		383.00						383.00
							(³)				
Brain L. Potts	7/5	7/7	Italy		477.50						477.50
	7/7	7/10	Croatia		1,002.00						1,002.00
	7/8	7/8	Macedonia/Kosovo								
	7/10	7/11	United Kingdom		383.00						383.00
							(³)				
Hon. Harold Rogers	8/7	8/11	Austria		846.00						846.00
	8/11	8/14	Czech Republic		1,079.00						1,079.00
	8/14	8/17	France		971.00						971.00
							(³)				
Hon. Sonny Callahan	8/7	8/11	Austria		846.00						846.00
	8/11	8/14	Czech Republic		1,079.00						1,079.00
	8/14	8/17	France		971.00						971.00
							(³)				
Hon. Ron Packard	8/7	8/11	Austria		846.00						846.00
	8/11	8/14	Czech Republic		1,079.00						1,079.00
	8/14	8/17	France		971.00						971.00
							(³)				
Hon. Tom Latham	8/7	8/11	Austria		846.00						846.00
	8/11	8/14	Czech Republic		1,079.00						1,079.00
	8/14	8/17	France		971.00						971.00
							(³)				
Hon. Lucille Roybal-Allard	8/7	8/11	Austria		846.00						846.00
	8/11	8/14	Czech Republic		1,079.00						1,079.00
	8/14	8/17	France		971.00						971.00
							(³)				
Michael Ringler	8/7	8/11	Austria		846.00						846.00
	8/11	8/14	Czech Republic		1,079.00						1,079.00
	8/14	8/17	France		971.00						971.00
							(³)				
Jennifer Miller	8/7	8/11	Austria		846.00						846.00
	8/11	8/14	Czech Republic		1,079.00						1,079.00
							(³)				
Hon. Maurice D. Hinchey	8/7	8/13	Armenia		800.00						800.00
							660.00				70.00
							(³)				660.00
Hon. Charles H. Taylor	8/8	8/11	Spain		847.00						847.00
Commercial Air	8/11	8/14	Italy		990.00						990.00
Edward E. Lombard	8/9	8/11	Spain		847.00						847.00
Commercial Air	8/11	8/14	Italy		990.00						990.00
Michelle Mrdeza	8/12	8/15	Italy		210.00						210.00
	8/15	8/16	Germany		93.00						93.00

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 1999—
Continued

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Commercial Air							4,498.00		588.00		588.00
Jeff Ashford	8/12	8/15	Italy		210.00						4,498.00
	8/15	8/17	Germany		148.00						210.00
	8/17	8/20	England		303.00						148.00
											303.00
									1,377.00		1,377.00
Commercial Air							4,625.00				4,625.00
Patricia Schleuter	8/12	8/15	Italy		210.00						210.00
	8/15	8/17	Germany		148.00						148.00
	8/17	8/20	England		303.00						303.00
											1,377.00
									1,377.00		1,377.00
Commercial Air							4,625.00				4,625.00
							48.00				48.00
Hon. Robert E. Bud Cramer	8/9	8/11	Italy		849.00						849.00
	8/11	8/14	Greece		624.00						624.00
	8/13	8/13	Egypt								
	8/14	8/16	Spain		732.00						732.00
	8/16	8/18	Portugal		440.00						440.00
							(³)				
Christopher J. Walker	8/9	8/10	Guinea		482.00						482.00
	8/10	8/12	Sierra Leone		654.00						654.00
	8/13	8/17	Nigeria		1,566.00						1,566.00
									5,055.00		5,055.00
Commercial Air							5,055.00				5,055.00
Hon. Jesse L. Jackson Jr	8/8	8/9	Norway		276.00						276.00
	8/9	8/11	Germany (Berlin)		254.00						254.00
	8/11	8/13	Germany (Munich)		232.00						232.00
	8/13	8/15	France		227.00						227.00
	8/15	8/17	Netherlands		247.00						247.00
							(³)				
Elizabeth Dawson	8/7	8/13	Italy		1,758.00						1,758.00
	8/12	8/12	Macedonia/Kosovo								
Commercial Air							4,838.70				4,838.70
Hon. C.W. Bill Young	8/24	8/29	Italy		2,207.36						2,207.36
							(³)				
Hon. Rodney P. Frelinghuysen	8/24	8/29	Italy		2,207.36						2,207.36
							(³)				
Douglas Gregory	8/24	8/29	Italy		2,207.36						2,207.36
							(³)				
Gregory Walters	8/24	8/29	Italy		2,207.36						2,207.36
							(³)				0
Jennifer Miller	8/30	9/1	Bolivia		340.00						340.00
	9/1	9/6	Peru		705.00						705.00
Commercial Air							2,992.40				2,992.40
							(³)				
Hon. Maurice D. Hinchey	8/31	9/2	Romania		548.00						548.00
	9/2	9/4	Bulgaria		593.00						593.00
	9/4	9/6	Hungary		603.00						603.00
	9/6	9/7	Netherlands		207.00						207.00
									208.00		208.00
Commercial Air							2,084.23				2,084.23
							180.00				180.00
Brian L. Potts	9/6	9/11	Republic of Korea		1,310.00						1,310.00
Commercial Air							2,299.40				2,299.40
Hon. Frank R. Wolf	8/28	8/28	Italy		84.00						84.00
	8/28	8/31	Kosovo		169.00						169.00
	8/31	9/1	Macedonia		175.00						175.00
							(³)				
John T. Blazey II	8/27	9/3	Australia		1,590.00						1,590.00
Commercial Air							7,952.00				7,952.00
Don McKinnon	8/26	9/2	England		1,553.00						1,553.00
	9/2	9/3	Scotland		347.00						347.00
Commercial Air							2,890.37				2,890.37
							474.40				474.40
James W. Dyer	8/30	8/31	Italy		330.00						330.00
	8/31	9/2	Serbia		338.00						338.00
	9/2	9/3	Italy		330.00						330.00
									4,365.80		4,365.80
Commercial Air							4,365.80				4,365.80
Mary Murray	8/30	8/31	Italy		330.00						330.00
	8/31	9/2	Serbia		338.00						338.00
	9/2	9/3	Italy		330.00						330.00
									4,365.80		4,365.80
Commercial Air							4,365.80				4,365.80
Committee total					84,018.56		77,136.33		3,620.00		164,774.89

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

²If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

³ Military air transportation.

⁴ State Dept underfunded per diem—traveler did not claim additional \$66.00 due.

⁵ Part Agency (DEA) Aircraft.

BILL YOUNG, Chairman, Nov. 1, 1999.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1, AND SEPT. 30, 1999

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Visit to Russia, July 4–10, 1999:											
Hon. James V. Hansen	7/4	7/10	Russia .....	.....	1,950.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,950.00
Hon. Howard P. "Buck" McKeon	7/4	7/10	Russia .....	.....	1,950.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,950.00
Travel to Ethiopia, Djibouti, Saudi Arabia and Eritrea, July 3–10, 1999:											
Hon. Vic Snyder	7/3	7/6	Ethiopia .....	.....	444.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	444.00
	7/6	7/7	Djibouti .....	.....	85.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85.00
	7/7	7/8	Saudi Arabia .....	.....	166.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	166.00
	7/8	7/10	Eritrea .....	.....	250.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	250.00

November 15, 1999

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—HOUSE

29675

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1, AND SEPT. 30, 1999—
Continued

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Floyd D. Spence	8/23	8/28	New Zealand		1,117.00						1,117.00
	8/28	8/31	Thailand		747.00						747.00
	8/31	9/1	Cambodia		236.00						236.00
	9/1	9/3	Korea		594.00						594.00
Hon. Norman Sisisky	8/23	8/28	New Zealand		1,117.00						1,117.00
	8/28	8/31	Thailand		747.00						747.00
	8/31	9/1	Cambodia		236.00						236.00
	9/1	9/3	Korea		594.00						594.00
Hon. Owen Pickett	8/23	8/28	New Zealand		1,117.00						1,117.00
Commercial transportation							2,542.20				2,542.00
Hon. Robin Hayes	8/27	8/28	New Zealand		200.00						200.00
	8/28	8/31	Thailand		747.00						747.00
	8/31	9/1	Cambodia		236.00						236.00
	9/1	9/3	Korea		594.00						594.00
Commercial transportation							3,086.20				3,086.20
Dr. Andrew K. Ellis	8/23	8/28	New Zealand		1,117.00						1,117.00
	8/28	8/31	Thailand		747.00						747.00
Commercial transportation							2,682.20				2,682.20
Mr. Peter M. Steffes	8/23	8/28	New Zealand		1,117.00						1,117.00
	8/28	8/31	Thailand		747.00						747.00
	8/31	9/1	Cambodia		236.00						236.00
	9/1	9/3	Korea		594.00						594.00
Visit to Korea, Thailand, Vietnam and Taiwan, Aug. 8–16, 1999:											
Hon. Lindsey Graham	8/8	8/10	Korea		594.00						594.00
	8/10	8/12	Thailand		389.00						389.00
	8/12	8/14	Vietnam		278.00						278.00
	8/14	8/16	Taiwan		530.00						530.00
Hon. Solomon P. Ortiz	8/8	8/10	Korea		594.00						594.00
	8/10	8/12	Thailand		389.00						389.00
	8/12	8/14	Vietnam		278.00						278.00
	8/14	8/16	Taiwan		530.00						530.00
Visit to Taiwan and Thailand, August 8–12, 1999:											
Hon. Robert A. Underwood	8/8	8/10	Taiwan		530.00						530.00
	8/10	8/12	Thailand		498.00						498.00
Visit to Austria, Hungary, Czech Republic, Kosovo and France, Aug. 7–17, 1999:											
Hon. Terry Everett	7/7	7/11	Austria		846.00						846.00
	7/11	7/11	Hungary								
	7/11	7/14	Czech Republic		1,079.00						1,079.00
	7/14	7/14	Kosovo								
	7/14	7/16	France		979.00						979.00
Visit to Italy, Bosnia and Italy, Sept. 3–7, 1999:											
Hon. Loretta Sanchez	9/3	9/4	Italy		293.00						293.00
	9/4	9/5	Bosnia		351.00						351.00
	9/5	9/7	Italy		312.00						312.00
Committee total					26,155.00		8,310.60				34,465.60

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

FLOYD D. SPENCE, Chairman, Oct. 29, 1999.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1, AND SEPT. 30, 1999

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Michael Capuano	8/8	8/12	Armenia		600.00		(³)				600.00
	8/12	8/13	Azerbaijan		150.00		(³)				150.00
Committee total					750.00						750.00

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.³ Military transportation provided by the Department of State.

JAMES LEACH, Chairman, Oct. 27, 1999.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1, AND SEPT. 30, 1999

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
FOR HOUSE COMMITTEES											
Please Note: If there were no expenditures during the calendar quarter noted above, please check the box at right to so indicate and return.☒											

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

JOHN R. KASICH, Chairman, Nov. 1, 1999.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1, AND SEPT. 30, 1999

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Frank Pallone	8/7	8/13	Armenia		800.00		660.00		70.00		1,530.00

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1, AND SEPT. 30, 1999—
Continued

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Cliff Stearns	8/9	8/11	Italy		849.00						849.00
Cliff Stearns	8/11	8/14	Greece		624.00						624.00
Cliff Stearns	8/14	8/16	Spain		732.00						732.00
Cliff Stearns	8/16	8/18	Portugal		440.00						440.00
John Dingell	8/8	8/10	Taiwan		530.00						530.00
John Dingell	8/10	8/12	Thailand		498.00						498.00
John Dingell	8/13	8/17	Australia		1,078.67						1,078.67
John Dingell	8/17	8/20	New Zealand		713.19						713.19
Committee total					6,264.86		660.00		70.00		6,994.86

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

TOM BLILEY, Chairman, Oct. 27, 1999.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1, AND SEPT. 30, 1999

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²

FOR HOUSE COMMITTEES

Please Note: If there were no expenditures during the calendar quarter noted above, please check the box at right to so indicate and return. ☐

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

BILL THOMAS, Chairman, Nov. 4, 1999.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1, AND SEPT. 30, 1999

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Kurt Christensen	7/5	7/14	France		2,673.00		956.33				3,629.33
John Rishel	7/5	7/14	France		2,673.00		956.33				3,629.33
Hon. Helen Chenoweth ³	7/12	7/13	France				1,988.08				1,988.08
Hon. Ken Calvert ³	8/17	8/17	Norway								
			Germany, Netherlands				NA				
Manase Mansur	8/17	8/19	Philippines		582.00						
	8/27	8/31	Marshall Islands		693.75		4,152.76				5,428.51
Hon. Donna Christensen	9/10	9/12	Haiti		183.00		NA				183.00
Committee total					6,804.75		8,053.50				14,858.25

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

³ Incomplete. Information on per diem not provided by the Department of State.

DON YOUNG, Chairman, Oct. 12, 1999.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON RULES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN AUG. 22, AND AUG. 31 1999

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Tony P. Hall	8/23	8/31	Japan, North Korea, South Korea		2,289.00		2,976.20				5,265.20
Committee total					2,289.00		2,976.20				5,265.20

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

DAVID DREIER, Chairman, Nov. 1, 1999.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1, AND SEPT. 30, 1999

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²

FOR HOUSE COMMITTEES

Please Note: If there were no expditures during the calendar quarter noted above, please check the box at right to so indicate and return.☐

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

JAMES TALENT, Chairman, Nov. 1, 1999.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 1999

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Karen Thurman	7/6	7/7	Italy		126.00		(³)				126.00
	7/7	7/9	Croatia		1,002.00		(³)				1,002.00
	7/10	7/10	United Kingdom		383.00		(³)				383.00
Hon. Jerry Weller	8/8	8/10	Korea		594.00						594.00
	8/10	8/11	Thailand		389.00						389.00
	8/12	8/14	Vietnam		278.00						278.00
	8/14	8/15	Taiwan		530.00		⁴ 3,664.70				4,194.70
Hon. Wes Watkins	8/13	8/17	Australia		1,078.67		⁴ 3,797.90				4,876.57
	8/17	8/20	New Zealand		713.19		(³)				713.19
Committee total					5,093.86		7,462.60				12,556.46

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.³ Military air transportation.⁴ Commercial airfare.

BILL ARCHER, Chairman, Oct. 25, 1999.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1, AND SEPT. 30, 1999

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
William Courtney	7/19	7/19	United States				5,081.62				5,081.62
	7/20	7/24	Austria		692.00						692.00
		9/18	United States				4,313.06				4,313.06
Orest Deychakiwsky	9/19	10/2	Austria		2,301.00						2,301.00
	9/26	9/25	United States				3,535.00				3,535.00
		10/2	Austria		1,062.00						1,062.00
Chadwick Gore		9/18	United States				1,747.84				1,747.84
	9/19	9/25	Austria		885.00						885.00
Janice Helwig		8/20	United States				1,845.20				1,845.20
	8/21	9/30	Austria		12,310.74						12,310.74
Karen Lord		9/21	United States				4,319.97				4,319.97
	9/22	9/28	Austria		922.00						922.00
Ronald McNamara		9/18	United States				1,325.84				1,325.84
	9/19	9/25	Austria		1,062.00						1,062.00
Erika Schlager		7/24	United States				1,074.26				1,074.26
	7/25	7/27	Belgium		450.00						450.00
Committee total					19,684.74		23,242.79				42,927.53

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

CHRIS SMITH, Chairman, Oct. 29, 1999.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

5322. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Dairy Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Milk in the Central Arizona and New Mexico-West Texas Marketing Areas; Suspension of Certain Provisions of the Orders [DA-99-05 and DA-99-09] received November 12, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5323. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Dairy Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Milk in the Texas and Eastern Colorado Marketing Areas; Suspension of Certain Provisions of the Orders [DA-99-08 and DA-99-07] received November 12, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5324. A letter from the Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Administration; Cooperative Funding (RIN: 0596-AB63) received November 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5325. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Zinc phosphide; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-200943; FRL-6389-9] (RIN: 2070-AA81) received November 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5326. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting Efforts of the Corporation to maximize the efficient utilization of the resources of the private sector, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1827; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

5327. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Availability of Unpublished Information [No. 99-54] (RIN: 3069-AA81) received November 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

5328. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Control of Emissions From Hospital/Medical/ Infectious Waste Incinerators (HMIWI); State of Nebraska [NE 086-1086a; FRL-6473-8] received November 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

5329. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and

Promulgation of State Plans For Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Vermont; Negative Declaration [Docket No. VT-016-1220a; FRL-6474-1] received November 9, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

5330. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Revisions to the Georgia State Implementation Plan [GA-40-9929a; FRL-6473-1] received November 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

5331. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a copy of the "State Implementation Plans: Policy Regarding Excess Emissions During Malfunctions, Startup, and Shutdown"; to the Committee on Commerce.

5332. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Delivery of prospectuses to investors at the same address; Information to be furnished to security holders; Providing copies of material for certain beneficial owners; Reports to stockholders of management companies; Reports to shareholders of unit investment trusts (RIN: 3235-AG98) received November 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

5333. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to Mexico [Transmittal No. DTC 155-99], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

5334. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to Australia [Transmittal No. DTC 134-99], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

5335. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Turkey [Transmittal No. DTC 163-99], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

5336. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Oman [Transmittal No. DTC 108-99], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

5337. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to United Kingdom and Canada [Transmittal No. DTC 162-99], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

5338. A letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commercial Activities as required by the Federal Activities Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

5339. A letter from the Comptroller General, transmitting the Research Notification System through October 5, 1999; to the Committee on Government Reform.

5340. A letter from the Inspector General, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting a copy of the Commercial Activities Inventory; to the Committee on Government Reform.

5341. A letter from the Deputy Independent Counsel, Office of the Independent Counsel, transmitting a letter in response to the reporting requirements of the Inspector General Act and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

5342. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—West Virginia Regulatory Program [WV-081-FOR] received November 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5343. A letter from the Office of the Attorney General, transmitting the withdrawal of United States' intervention as a party in the Chavez v. Arte Publico Press, et al. [No. 93-2881]; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5344. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations: Mystic River, CT [CGD01-99-079] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received November 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.

801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5345. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Mountain View, MO [Airspace Docket No. 99-ACE-46] received November 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5346. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Model 222, 222B, and 222U Helicopters [Docket No. 98-SW-51-AD; Amendment 39-11400; AD 99-23-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5347. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Model 430 Helicopters [Docket No. 98-SW-50-AD; Amendment 39-11399; AD 99-23-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5348. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model SA-365N, SA-365N1, and AS-365N2 Helicopters [Docket No. 98-SW-60-AD; Amendment 39-11398; AD 99-23-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5349. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Robinson Helicopter Company (Robinson) Model R44 Helicopters [Docket No. 99-SW-12-AD; Amendment 39-11397; AD 99-23-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5350. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Saab Model SAAB SF340A and 340B Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-199-AD; Amendment 39-11395; AD 99-22-17] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5351. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Dornier Model 328-100 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-01-AD; Amendment 39-11393; AD 99-22-15] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5352. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-02-AD; Amendment 39-11394; AD 99-22-16] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5353. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing 777-200 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-03-AD; Amendment 39-11396; AD 98-02-06 R1] (RIN: 2120-

AA64) received November 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5354. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model SA330F, G, J, and AS332C, L, and L1 Helicopters [Docket No. 99-SW-01-AD; Amendment 39-11403; AD 99-23-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5355. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of the San Juan Low Offshore Airspace Area, PR [Airspace Docket No. 99-ASO-1] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received November 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5356. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Change Name of Using Agency for Restricted Area R-5203; Oswego, NY [Airspace Docket No. 99-AEA-12] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received November 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5357. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 29785; Amdt. No. 1953] received October 21, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5358. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 29709; Amdt. No. 1947] received September 14, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5359. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Canada Ltd. Model BO 105 LS A-3 Helicopters [Docket No. 99-SW-56-AD; Amendment 39-11371; AD 99-20-13] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received October 21, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5360. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Response To The Transportation Research Board National Research Council entitled, "Entry And Competition In The U.S. Airline Industry: Issues And Opportunities"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5361. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Procedures for Interest Netting [Rev. Proc. 99-43] received November 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5362. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Acquisition of an S Corporation by a Member of a Consolidated Group [TD 8842] (RIN: 1545-AW32) received November 9, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5363. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Reopenings of

Treasury Securities (RIN: 1545-AX61) received November 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5364. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tax Forms [Rev. Proc. 99-42] received November 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5365. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Partnership Returns Required on Magnetic Media [TD 8843] (RIN: 1545-AW14) received November 10, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5366. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Return of Partnership Income [TD 8841] (RIN: 1545-AU99) received November 10, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 2828. A bill to prohibit oil and gas drilling in Mosquito Creek Lake in Cortland, Ohio (Rept. 106-468). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 3063. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for sodium that may be held by an entity in any one State, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-469). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 3365. A bill to provide grants to local educational agencies to establish or expand prekindergarten programs for children who are not yet enrolled in kindergarten; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. CASTLE:

H.R. 3366. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on benzyl carbazate (DT-291); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CASTLE:

H.R. 3367. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on tralkoxydim formulated ("Achieve"); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CASTLE:

H.R. 3368. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on the chemical KN002; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CASTLE:

H.R. 3369. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on the chemical KL084; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CASTLE:

H.R. 3370. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on the chemical IN-N5297; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CASTLE:

H.R. 3371. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on azoxystrobin formulated ("Heritage", "Abound", and "Quadris"); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CROWLEY, and Mr. SHAYS):

H.R. 3372. A bill to establish a performance standard for breast pumps to facilitate their regulation under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. THOMPSON of California (for himself, Mr. REYES, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. PITTS, Mr. BOYD, and Ms. ESHOO):

H. Con. Res. 228. Concurrent resolution honoring the members of the Armed Forces and Federal civilian employees who served the Nation during the Vietnam era and the families of those individuals who lost their lives or remain unaccounted for or were injured during that era in Southeast Asia or elsewhere in the world in defense of United States national security interests; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 675: Mr. KUCINICH.

H.R. 750: Mr. WALSH, Mr. TOWNS, and Mr. LARSON.

H.R. 809: Ms. DANNER.

H.R. 890: Mr. GEJDENSON and Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut.

H.R. 1111: Mr. WU.

H.R. 1358: Ms. WOOLSEY.

H.R. 1594: Mr. RUSH.

H.R. 1827: Mr. STEARNS.

H.R. 1885: Ms. MCKINNEY and Mrs. CAPPS.

H.R. 1926: Mr. PASTOR and Mr. PICKETT.

H.R. 2385: Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.

H.R. 2548: Mr. TALENT and Mr. SHUSTER.

H.R. 2722: Mr. CONYERS.

H.R. 2870: Mr. BOEHLERT.

H.R. 2883: Mr. CAMPBELL and Mr. DICKEY.

H.R. 2896: Mrs. MALONEY of New York and Mr. BENTSEN.

H.R. 2900: Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. PALLONE, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

H.R. 2961: Mr. BACHUS.

H.R. 3047: Mrs. THURMAN.

H.R. 3132: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY and Mr. HINOJOSA.

H.R. 3150: Ms. DEGETTE and Mr. BAIRD.

H.R. 3165: Mr. BORSKI, Mr. WEINER, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. OWENS, Mr. HOYER, and Mr. CROWLEY.

H.R. 3244: Mr. GILLMOR.

H.R. 3270: Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

H.R. 3293: Mr. LAFALCE, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. RADANOVICH, Ms. DANNER, and Mr. PICKETT.

H.J. Res. 77: Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. MCINTOSH, and Mr. SESSIONS.

H. Con. Res. 177: Mr. OWENS, Mr. WEINER, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WYNN, Mr. CLAY, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. GORDON, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, and Mr. JEFFERSON.

H. Con. Res. 216: Mr. KLECZKA.

H. Con. Res. 218: Ms. ESHOO, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, and Mr. MORAN of Virginia.

H. Res. 325: Mr. RANGEL.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF DUTY SUSPENSION AND REDUCTION LEGISLATION

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 1999

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce several duty suspension and duty reduction bills for materials used in the production of environmentally sensitive herbicides, pesticides, and fungicides that improve the quality of our lives.

These duty suspension bills lower the cost of producing these products thereby lowering the cost to consumers and helping U.S. industries compete in the global marketplace. When American companies make the active ingredients for these chemicals, there is a proper role for duties to exist. However, when the active ingredients are only made by foreign companies, we needlessly increase costs for American businesses and consumers by imposing duties on their importation. By introducing these bills, I am triggering a careful review of these proposals by the House Ways and Means Committee and the International Trade Commission to make sure there are no domestic producers of these active ingredients so no one will be financially harmed.

Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to highlight the beneficial uses of the final products these chemicals will produce. KN002 and KL084 are used to make citrus herbicides that are less toxic than many of the existing herbicides on the market. They require sixty percent less application to yield the same weed control result thus minimizing exposure to those who apply the herbicide. IN-N597 is used in the production of a rice herbicide. Like the citrus herbicides, it has environmental advantages over the existing rice herbicides on the market. Azoxystrobin is used in the production of a fungicide often used on golf courses. It also goes by the popular name Heritage, Abound or Quadris. DT-291 is a general fruit and vegetable insecticide. It has the unique ability to kill certain pests while leaving beneficial insects unharmed. Furthermore, DT-291 is well within the margins of safety to mammalian, avian, and aquatic organisms.

Finally, Tralkoxydim is used in the production of a postemergence herbicide for wheat and barley. It is also known as Achieve. The Environmental Protection Agency has concluded that Achieve is a reduced risk herbicide. It presents negligible health risks to consumers because it is low in toxicity and does not leave detectable residues in cereal grain, straw or hay. Postemergence herbicides also have the advantage of low application rates. The herbicide is only needed if weeds emerge around the wheat. Many other wheat herbicides must be applied ahead of time to pre-

vent weeds from developing regardless of whether they would have emerged naturally.

Mr. Speaker, duty suspension bills are one of the most non-controversial, bipartisan legislative initiatives because they are common sense for consumers, for the environment, and for enhancing the competitiveness of our domestic industries. I urge support for these proposals after the appropriate committees and agencies have thoroughly vetted these measures.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 8196, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 1999

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, today I cast my vote in support of H.R. 3196, the Foreign Operations Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2000. However, I did so with great reluctance. Late last night, a compromise was reached to provide \$1.8 billion for the Wye River Accord and an additional \$799 million for other accounts. Many accounts such as the African Development Bank, the International Development Association, the Peace Corps, and the North American Development Bank were provided with more realistic funding levels that will allow these entities to carry out their programs.

However, one of the most disturbing inadequacies of this bill is the level of funding provided for the Republics of the Former Soviet Union. If this bill becomes law, the Republics of the Former Soviet Union are slated to receive \$839 million. This is \$104 million short of the President's request, and \$3 million less than fiscal year 1999. Many of the Newly Independent States are still facing serious economic and democratic challenges, and a few still have access to nuclear weapons. On one hand the people of Ukraine and Georgia recently held successful Presidential elections on October 31. On the other hand, the Prime Minister and the Speaker of the Parliament were brutally assassinated in Armenia, and Belarus who is inching toward greater integration with Russia frequently suppresses political dissidents by censoring or imprisoning them. Clearly, this region is still very unstable and the United States should make every effort to show our support for these fragile democratic institutions. We also should provide assistance so that countries in dire financial straits are not forced to resort to nuclear arms dealing in order to feed their people. If we fail to provide adequate funding for this region, we jeopardize the security of Americans.

In addition, this bill underfunds the Migration and Refugee Account by \$35 million less than the President's request and \$281 million less than fiscal year 1999. During the previous months, I have worked to include provisions for counseling assistance to refugee survivors of rape in times of conflict and war. As we witnessed during the conflict in Kosovo, many women not only suffered from the act of rape itself, but they must also live with the social stigmas dictated by their culture as a result of being a victim of rape. Without adequate funding for this and other programs, many women and children in need will continue suffering.

This bill also does not provide sufficient funding for debt relief for the world's poorest countries. The Banking Committee just reported a bill, H.R. 1095, that will help reduce the unpayable debt held by many of the world's developing countries. This important bipartisan legislation will help alleviate the suffering of people living in nations with unmanageable debt burdens. Unfortunately, full funding for this vital initiative is not included in this bill.

Furthermore, on July 23, 1999, many of my colleagues and I voted in favor of an amendment to the original Foreign Operations Appropriations bill to prohibit funding for the School of Americas which has gained an infamous reputation for training human rights violators in Latin America. Despite the passage of this amendment by a vote of 230-197, this bill reinstates \$2 million for the School of Americas. Furthermore, this bill eases some restrictions on aid to Indonesia and only prohibits funds from being obligated to Indonesia until the President advises the Appropriations Committee in writing 20 days prior to allocation. This is an outrage considering that 250,000 East Timorese refugees are still held captive in refugee camps in West Timor. Many of these refugees have been intimidated by Indonesian military, and many more are not permitted to return to East Timor.

Mr. Speaker, the success of U.S. foreign policy and programs depends upon adequate funding to administer consistent humanitarian relief to our neighbors and allies who are confronting extraordinary natural disasters, civil strife, and economic and political transformations. Global interaction and cooperation enhances our nation's security. This revised bill goes a long way to ensure implementation of a broad array of bilateral and multilateral assistance programs which directly impact American interests. I reluctantly supported this bill today, because I felt it was irrational to hold up funding for the many worthwhile programs in this bill. However, despite additional funding for several accounts, this bill still contains a number of weaknesses which I hope will be corrected before it ultimately becomes law.

● This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

November 15, 1999

HONORING NICHOLAS AIELLO FOR
RECEIVING THE AUGUSTA LEWIS
TROUP AWARD

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 1999

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend, Nicholas Aiello, as he receives the Augusta Lewis Troup "Pass it on" Award for his contributions to the labor movement in New Haven.

The Augusta Lewis Troup "Pass it on" Award is presented annually to those individuals who have committed a lifetime to fighting for workers rights. Born in New York City in 1849, Troup, a career journalist, became the first female national officer of a trade union in the United States when she was elected Corresponding Secretary of the National Typographical Union in 1868. Troup dedicated her life not only to ensuring workers rights, but also raising awareness and fighting for women's rights to vote. Troup came to New Haven as an active suffragist, and is remembered as an untiring activist—striving to alleviate the conditions of local working people and the poor.

For over a half century, Nick Aiello has dedicated his life to the principles which Augusta Troup expounded. As an organizer and leader of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union Local 125, Nick fought tirelessly for the rights of garment workers in New Haven. As the daughter of a garment worker, this fight holds a special place in my heart. My mother toiled in the sweatshops of New Haven's garment factories, sewing shirt collars for pennies a piece.

Nick has also worked his entire life to make his community a better place to live and grow. He has been active in local and state politics. He was the Commissioner on Equal Opportunity for the city of New Haven, which strives to ensure that workplace standards are strictly adhered to in all city employment. Nick's work on these and other community organizations is truly commendable—he has helped make New Haven a successful, vibrant community.

It is with great pride that I rise to join his son, Michael, friends, family, and the entire New Haven community in saluting my dear friend, Nick, as he receives the 1999 Augusta Lewis Troup "Pass it on" Award. Congratulations.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 900,
GRAMM-LEACH-BLILEY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM BLILEY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 1999

Mr. BLILEY. Madam Speaker, one of the most important aspects of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act is that it reaffirms a long-standing principle of Federal Banking law—that a national bank may not own any interest in or control another company engaged in activities that national banks cannot conduct directly un-

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

less such ownership or control is expressly authorized by Federal law. The operating subsidiary compromise agreed to by Federal Reserve and the Treasury and adopted in the Act is built on and confirms this principle.

In this regard, the Act would authorize national banks to own or control a subsidiary only if the subsidiary engages solely in bank permissible activities, or the Congress has expressly authorized national banks to own or control the subsidiary, such as in section 25 of the Federal Reserve Act. The Act includes a new express authorization for national banks to control subsidiaries that engage in activities that the Federal Reserve and the Secretary of the Treasury agree are financial activities. To own or control such a financial subsidiary, a national bank must comply with the conditions established by the Act.

National banks are prohibited from owning or controlling any other subsidiaries. The general power of national banks under the National Bank Act to engage in the business of banking and activities incidental thereto does not authorize national banks to own shares of stock or other interests in or control a company that engages in activities that the parent bank cannot conduct directly. Recently, the Comptroller of the Currency has interpreted section 24 (Seventh) of the National Bank Act to permit national banks to own and control subsidiaries engaged in activities that national banks cannot conduct directly. These decisions and the legal reasoning therein are erroneous and contrary to the law. The Act overturns these decisions and renders inoperative those portions of Part 5 of the Comptroller's regulations that purport by administrative action to authorize national banks to control subsidiaries engaged in activities that the national banks cannot conduct directly.

PRIVACY

Section 502(b) of S. 900 contains the opt-out notice required by Subtitle A of Title V. It was not the intention of the conferees to require that an opt-out notice be disclosed for every third party disclosure, provided that the consumer has received a prior clear and conspicuous opt-out opportunity covering defined categories of third party disclosures. As long as consumers are afforded a clear choice about whether non-public personal information can be shared with non-affiliated third parties, the opt-out need not be provided separately for each such disclosure.

MARINE CORPS 224TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 1999

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the U.S. Marine Corps on its 224th birthday.

The U.S. Marine Corps has a long and illustrious history. The smallest of the four service branches, they have traditionally been the "tip of the spear" of American military power. U.S. Marines have been among the first troops dispatched to international crises areas over the past century, and they have been involved in

some of the heaviest fighting in the various conflicts in which the United States has become involved.

The roll call of battle honors earned by the Marine Corps in the 20th century includes some of the most famous battles of the past 100 years: Meuse-Argonne, Belleau Wood, Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima, Inchon, Tet, and many others. Through it all the members of the U.S. Marine Corps were the first to take up the battle defending freedom and democracy from tyranny and despotism.

In peacetime, the Marine Corps has performed the vital role of safeguarding American embassies and consulates abroad, and in recent years, the important mission of peacekeeping. In performing these missions, Marine Corps members have served in dangerous and demanding positions at great sacrifice to the lives of themselves and their families. For this, all Americans owe them a debt of gratitude.

There is a story that when the British Army invaded Washington, DC, in 1814, they burned all major government buildings save one, the Marine Barracks. The reason the barracks was spared was that unlike the militia at Bladensburg, the U.S. Marines stood and faced the British in battle.

It was out of respect for this bravery on the part of the corps that the barracks were spared from destruction. A fitting tribute indeed.

Accordingly, I urge my colleagues to join in congratulating the Marine Corps on their 224th anniversary. Our Nation, and our way of life, is much safer as a result of their courageous contribution.

HONORING EDWIN AND INEZ
WALDRON

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Edwin and Inez (May) Waldron as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on December 1, 1999. Mr. and Mrs. Waldron have served the United States through military service and as wonderful parents.

Edwin and May were married on December 1, 1949. They had known each other for only three and a half months, and this milestone is a testament to their dedication to each other and their marriage commitment.

Edwin grew up in a small coal-mining town in West Virginia during the Great Depression, and has always been a shining example of honesty with an excellent work ethic. Everything is done right the first time and in its place. He was a Machinists Mate in the U.S. Navy serving in the submarine and air corps, and is a Pearl Harbor survivor. In 1963 he started his own business, Anaheim Printing and Lithography, and his wife was the bookkeeper and store manager. They worked together at the shop until they both retired in 1978. Edwin is also a proud descendant of Revolutionary War and Civil War veterans.

May is from an old Quaker family who arrived in this country in 1620. She grew up in

Venice, California, during the hard times of the Great Depression. She served as a WAVE in the U.S. Navy during World War II, as a storekeeper and had a Top Secret clearance. She also volunteered her services to the critically injured men at Aiea Naval Hospital. After the war, she received a commendation for exemplary service from President Harry Truman.

As parents, Edwin and May raised two daughters in a kind, but very well disciplined manner. May was a faithful room mother and active in PTA as well as the Business and Professional Women's Association. The Waldrons have five grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Edwin and May Waldron, for their example of commitment, care, love, pride, honesty, and hard work. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Waldron many more years of happiness and success.

HONORING DOMINIC PALUMBO FOR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 1999

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to honor an exceptional member of the North Haven, Connecticut community and a good friend, Dom Palumbo. On Saturday, November 13, the North Haven High School honored Dom by inducting him into their Sports Hall of Fame.

Dom has been an outstanding contributor to the sports programs at North Haven High School as well as an invaluable member of our community. Throughout his time in North Haven, Dom has been incredibly generous with his time, devoting himself to young athletes and supporting the athletics department in innumerable ways. He contributed to the building of the North Haven High School locker room at Northford Pavilion and opened his home countless times to young athletes to celebrate victories and successes. From sponsoring youth baseball, midget football, and summer basketball teams to helping purchase weight room equipment to hiring a bus for players and spectators, Dom's contributions to the North Haven community and its youth will be felt for years to come. Dom's efforts have fostered a sense of teamwork and sportsmanship in hundreds of North Haven youths.

Dom's commitment to the residents of North Haven extends far beyond his involvement with the high school. Today, retired from the ceramic tile business he started, Dom is a member of the Board of Directors of the Quinipiac Council for Boy Scouts of America and will resign this year after a fifteen year tenure as the Secretary of the Democratic State Central Committee. He has served on the North Haven Democratic Town Committee for 32 years, the Planning & Zoning Commission for 29 years, and the Democratic State Central Committee for 25 years. Dom's commitment to his community has enhanced and enriched the lives of our children and families.

It is with great pride that I rise today to join with his wife Judy, his sons, Richard, Robert, Ronald, and Raymond, the North Haven High

School, and the North Haven community as my dear friend, Dom Palumbo, is inducted into the North Haven High School Sports Hall of Fame as the 1999 Service Award Honoree. My sincere congratulations on this wonderful occasion.

MEDICARE, MEDICAID, AND SCHIP BALANCED BUDGET REFINEMENT ACT OF 1999

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 1999

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, this morning I voted for the Medicare Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999 (H.R. 3075) in an effort to address the issues associated with the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA). While this bill represents an important step toward addressing the serious pitfalls contained in the BBA, I remain gravely concerned about sections of this bill and the overall ramifications this legislation will have on the financial problems affecting our nation's health care system.

In particular, I am concerned in the manner with which this bill was brought to the floor. This legislation was finished last night, leaving our side with just a few hours to review the legislation. Democrats were all but left out of the negotiations between the Ways and Means and Commerce Committee Republicans over this new package. Moreover, as the bill was placed on this month's calendar as a suspension bill, Members were stripped of their rights to offer amendments and were allowed only twenty minutes of debate time to present their views on this bill. This, my friends, is the wrong way to approach legislation that is so critical to the delivery of health care.

However, the Medicare Balanced Budget Refinement Act represents a modest downpayment towards stabilizing a health system that is in midst of a fiscal crisis. The BBA, was intended to reduce Medicare spending by \$115 billion over five years but, as the act's provisions have been implemented, the actual reduction in Medicare spending is nearly twice that amount—\$220 billion. Simply put, the BBA overshot its mark.

Already, the 1999 losses for Boston teaching hospitals have exceeded \$150 million with two-thirds of the state's hospitals losing money on operations. This bill would translate into only \$125 million being restored to the state's health care institutions. Hospitals in Massachusetts, even under the most optimistic scenarios, are expected to recover only 10% of the \$1.7 billion cut by the BBA. With respect to teaching hospitals, this bill provides a one-year freeze on Indirect Medical Education payments at FY2000 levels of 6.0%.

Passage of H.R. 3075 represents an important step towards providing critically needed BBA relief for such providers of health care as teaching hospitals, home health agencies, skilled nursing facilities, and therapy services. This represents a first-step in trying in confronting the consequences of the BBA and averting the impending fiscal crisis facing

health care providers nationwide. I therefore voted for this bill and hope that Democratic concerns be addressed in Conference.

HONORING RELIANT ENERGY HL&P/ENTEX

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 1999

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Reliant Energy HL&P/Entex and its employees for selection by the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce as the 1999 Industry of the Year.

Reliant Energy and its employees have been responsible members of the Deer Park community for nearly 70 years, providing residents, businesses, and industries with safe and reliable energy services. The Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission awarded the 1999 Texas Environmental Excellence Award in the large business category to Reliant Energy in recognition of the company's efforts to restore damaged wetlands along Clear Creek. More than 200 entrants competed for the state's most prestigious environmental award, which honors Texas' best waste reduction and pollution prevention projects.

Reliant Energy was first organized in 1882 as Houston Electric Lighting & Power. It was reorganized and renamed Houston Lighting and Power Company in 1905. In 1999, Reliant Energy HL&P/Entex, a division of Reliant Energy, was formed, and is the electricity and natural gas provider for the Houston metropolitan area. As Reliant Energy HL&P/Entex, it is the 10th largest electric utility in the U.S. in terms of kilowatt-hour sales. It serves more than 1.6 million electricity customers over a 5,000 square mile area in and around Houston and more than 730,000 natural gas customers in the Houston area.

A true connection exists between Reliant Energy and the Deer Park community. More than 100 Reliant Energy HL&P/Entex employees make their homes in Deer Park neighborhoods. Demonstrating their generosity and connection to the community, the company's employees have logged more than 5,000 volunteer hours on projects in the Deer Park/Southeast Houston area.

Reliant Energy HL&P/Entex's active involvement in the Deer Park community can be traced through its participation in a wide variety of civic organizations, including the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce, Communities in School and several community-based non-profit organizations.

Reliant Energy HL&P/Entex has contributed to efforts to provide a first-rate education for the young people of Deer Park. Last year, the company was a major supporter of the Deer Park Independent School District, donating generously for educational materials, school presentations and teacher training.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the employees of Reliant Energy HL&P/Entex on being named the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce 1999 Industry of the Year. This honor is well-deserved for their work in expanding business

and job opportunities, establishing safer conditions for workers, and initiatives to protect the environment. This award indicates that Reliant Energy HL&P/Entex has demonstrated a commitment to strengthening community relations by supporting employees' volunteer activities and making contributions to deserving sectors of the community.

TRIBUTE TO VETERANS

HON. JENNIFER DUNN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 1999

Ms. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, President Calvin Coolidge once said, "The nation which forgets its defenders will be itself forgotten." Americans have not forgotten the veterans who risked their lives and, in many cases, sacrificed their health and goals for this great country.

The United States maintains its coveted position as the world's only remaining superpower because of the countless men and women who, throughout history, selflessly put themselves in harm's way to defend America's freedom across the globe.

On this Veterans Day, I would like to pay a special tribute to a particular group of veterans who are many times overlooked—the more than 400,000 women who served in the U.S. military during World War II.

In order to properly show my gratitude to these unsung heroes, I lent my name as a proud cosponsor of H. Res. 41, Honoring American Military Women For Their Service in World War II Resolution. This measure pays tribute to the women pioneers who partook in a career traditionally reserved for men and recognizes the high standard of military excellence they set for future generations to admire. I am pleased that we are taking time to give these military women due credit and thanks.

On this special day, it is important for Americans across the nation to recognize all veterans for their selfless dedication to our great Nation. Many put their life's dreams on hold to ensure American freedom and security. To them, I humbly say, "thank you."

A TRIBUTE TO MIAMI-DADE'S SENIOR COMPANIONS

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 1999

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to congratulate the volunteers of the

Miami-Dade County Senior Companion Program who selflessly dedicate their lives to provide supportive services to adults with special needs and comfort to their families.

Four hours a week, five days a week, Senior Companions seek to fulfill the needs of South Florida's increasing elderly community, and especially senior citizens afflicted with Alzheimer's disease, by providing friendship and personal assistance in the activities of daily living.

Martin Luther King once stated "everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

Miami-Dade's Senior Companions have demonstrated grace, love and immeasurable commitment to less fortunate seniors in our community, and on Friday, December 3rd, Miami-Dade County Community Action Agency will honor them and celebrate their unparalleled generosity with a luncheon.

Congratulations and much success to the Senior Companions for their great work.

HONORING DOROTHY JOHNSON FOR RECEIVING THE AUGUSTA LEWIS TROUP AWARD

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 1999

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dorothy Johnson, as she receives the Augusta Lewis Troup "Pass it on" Award for her contributions to the labor movement in New Haven.

The Augusta Lewis Troup "Pass it on" Award is presented annually to those individuals who have committed a lifetime to fighting for workers rights. Born in New York City in 1849, Troup, a career journalist, became the first female national officer of a trade union in the United States when she was elected Corresponding Secretary of the National Typographical Union in 1868. Troup dedicated her life not only to ensuring workers rights, but also raising awareness and fighting for women's rights to vote. Troup came to New Haven as an active suffragist, and is remembered as an untiring activist—striving to alleviate the conditions of local working people and the poor.

As President of the United Electrical, Radio, and Mechanical Workers Local 299, Dorothy has fought long and difficult battles with companies all over the New Haven area, organizing small manufacturing workforces into proud, active members. Dorothy spent 6 years

struggling to win union recognition for workers at Circuitwise in North Haven, finally achieving her goal in 1994. Today, workers at companies like Circuitwise are assured of a livable wage, health insurance for themselves and their families, and a safe working environment; thanks to Dorothy's efforts.

It is with great pride that I rise to join friends, family, and the New Haven community in saluting Dorothy, as she receives the 1999 Augusta Lewis Troup "Pass it on" Award. Congratulations.

A TRIBUTE TO JENNIFER MUMMERT

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 1999

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, the Appropriations Committee on November 19th will lose one of its most competent and efficient staff members, Jenny Mummert.

Jenny will leave us that day to further her career in the private sector, and the Committee and particularly the Defense subcommittee will not be the same without her.

Jenny joined the Committee in January 1991 as a member of the Treasury Postal Subcommittee staff, where she worked for four different Subcommittee Chairmen.

When I became Chairman of the Defense Subcommittee in 1995, I persuaded Jenny to come to work for us. She took on every task we gave her cheerfully and professionally from helping with the arrangements at hearings, to preparing the voluminous notes and tables at markups and conferences, and a myriad of other tasks associated with writing and passing the largest of our appropriations bills.

Jenny has not only been great in the work place, but she has done so while raising a family of four. She and her husband, Joe are the loving parents of Joey, Kandyce, Kevin, and Karley.

Like most Members of the Appropriations Committee and its staff, Jenny has put in her share of long nights, weekends, and holidays helping to prepare our annual legislative products. She has been a trooper, and on behalf of the entire Committee and the Congress, I want to thank her for her numerous contributions to her country and to our nation's security.

Mr. Speaker, it is my hope that my colleagues on the Appropriations Committee and in the House will join me in wishing Jenny all the best with her new career.